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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5 3 VOTES**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Award consultant services agreements for design services for the following pavement rehabilitation projects to be financed from the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Road Fund.

Whittier Boulevard from Downey Road to Burger Avenue et al. (Supervisory District 1) to STV Incorporated for a not to exceed fee of \$120,000.

170th Street East from Avenue J to Avenue N et al. (Supervisory District 5) to Van Dell and Associates, Inc., for a not to exceed fee of \$118,000.

Avenue I from 40th Street East to 70th Street East et al. (Supervisory District 5) to AAE Incorporated for a not to exceed fee of \$110,000.

2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute such services agreements with the recommended consultants and to establish the effective dates to prepare plans and estimates for the projects.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are recommending that your Board award these consultant services agreements and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute contracts with the recommended consultants to prepare construction documents for the proposed pavement rehabilitation projects, located in the County's unincorporated areas of East Los Angeles and the Antelope Valley, and to establish the effective dates of the contracts.

Upon completion and approval of construction documents, tentatively scheduled for April 2003, we will return to your Board to adopt plans and specifications and to advertise for bids to construct these projects.

The recommended consultant services agreements will provide design services for the following projects in support of the Public Works' Road Construction Program.

Whittier Boulevard from Downey Road to Burger Avenue et al. project, in the vicinity of East Los Angeles (Supervisory District 1), includes Eastern Avenue from Third Street to Whittier Boulevard, First Street from Eastern Avenue to the west edge of Long Beach Freeway Bridge No. 1436, Indiana Street from Olympic Boulevard to Union Pacific Avenue, and Whittier Boulevard from Downey Road to Burger Avenue.

170th Street East from Avenue J to Avenue N et al. project, in the Antelope Valley (Supervisory District 5), includes 170 Street East from Avenue J to Avenue N and Avenue M-8 from 167th Street East to 170th Street East.

Avenue I from 40th Street East to 70th Street East et al. project, in the Antelope Valley (Supervisory District 5), includes Avenue I from 40th Street East to 70th Street East and 120th Street East from Avenue D to Avenue E.

As part of our efforts to proceed with pavement rehabilitation work on County-maintained roads, Public Works has successfully used consulting firms to perform the design work because all available staff is currently committed to other projects.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it will initiate the design of road improvements on the aforementioned roads, which will extend the service life of these roads and improve motorist and pedestrian safety.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Financing for the agreements is available in the 2001-02 Road Fund Budget. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

The fee for the consultant services is as follows: Whittier Boulevard from Downey Road to Burger Avenue et al. - \$120,000, including \$12,000 for unforeseen additional work, 170th Street East from Avenue J to Avenue N et al. - \$118,000, including \$10,872 for unforeseen additional work, and Avenue I from 40th Street East to 70th Street East et al. - \$110,000, including \$14,000 for unforeseen additional work.

Additional work within these allowances will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works.

The estimated contract cost of these projects, including the design contracts, is as follows: Whittier Boulevard from Downey Road to Burger Avenue et al. - \$2,000,000, 170th Street East from Avenue J to Avenue N et al. - \$2,200,000, Avenue I from 40th Street East to 70th Street East et al. - \$1,600,000.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard consultant services agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of contract award, STV Incorporated, Van Dell and Associates, Inc., and AAE Incorporated are willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence participants for future employment.

STV Incorporated, Van Dell and Associates, Inc., and AAE Incorporated have demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

A finding of environmental impact is not required for consultant services agreements for design services.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On June 11, 2001, a Request for Proposals was issued to 80 firms from Public Works' list of qualified consultants. Thirty-nine firms responded to the request. An Evaluation Committee, consisting of Public Works' civil engineering staff, evaluated the proposals. The evaluation of the firms was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of these proposals, Public Works is recommending STV Incorporated, Van Dell and Associates, Inc., and AAE Incorporated as three of the best qualified firms to perform the required services for the identified project.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. STV Incorporated, Van Dell and Associates, Inc., and AAE Incorporated are aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

Public Works maintains a database of consultants for design services, which is the main source of soliciting proposals. As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase consultant awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, a Request for Qualifications for these services was listed on the County Office of Small Business website.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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